

- I. The **Lord** makes all things new.
  - A) This means the Lord will restore a kingdom of moral law righteousness as the reward for those made new in Christ's righteousness
  - B) "Making new" meaning is partly *locational* renewal, since the new heavens and new earth includes **removal** of everything cursed (anti-moral law, evil, Rev. 22:3) and the consequences of that curse (mourning, crying, pain, death, Rev. 21:4) from this present world, *not* an annihilation of this world and starting over.
  - C) God judges all anti-moral law evildoers (fallen angels and mankind not united to Christ by faith) in a new locational place, a "lake that burns with fire and sulfur" (Rev. 20:10, 14-15; 21:8), prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41).

### **Love for the Lord will be fulfilled**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> commandment:** honor for the Triune God alone

- A) "And God himself will be with them as their God" (Rev. 21:3). We will see his face (**Rev. 22:4**), know his name (Rev 21:5b-6a) and see his glory (Rev. 21:23).
- B) *Everything against the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment:* "No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him" (Rev 22:3). Those who rise up against the Lord and his anointed will be destroyed with fire (Rev. 16:13-14; 20:7-10). The cowardly and faithless will be judged by casting them into the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8).

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> commandment:** new covenant worship

- A) Christ fulfills the location and means of worship and communion with God by dwelling among them: "for [the] temple [of the new Jerusalem] is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev 21:22). "the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him" (**Rev. 22:3**). "Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there" (Rev. 21:25). "Only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life [will enter the holy city, the new Jerusalem] (Rev. 21:27). **The people are the holy city** where **God dwells, fulfilling the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment.** (Rev 21:2-3). They never worship the beast or its image (Rev. 20:4).
- B) *Everything against the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment:* all images of worship and those who worship those images (Rev 13:14-15; 14:9-11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 21:8), all unclean dwellings for demons (Rev. 18:2), all who blaspheme the dwelling of God (Rev. 13:6).

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> commandment:** honor his blessed name

- A) **The Lord Jesus writes his name on our foreheads.** (Rev. 22:4) **Our reward for testifying to his name is his giving us his name as our identity.**
- B) *Everything against the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment:* all who received the mark of the beast or its number will be judged (Rev. 14:9-11; 16:2; 19:20).

#### **4<sup>th</sup> commandment:** time patterns, rest and work

- A) **The Lord Jesus Christ gives them rest.** "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them (Rev. 14:13; 6:11). Within the Holy City Christ fulfills the patterns of time as its light. However, **the time-patterns and signs of stars, seasons, day and night and years will remain the same:** months are still marked by new fruit Rev. 22:2, 5; 21:23-24; Genesis 1:14-18).
- C) *Everything against the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment:* those who bought, sold and traded without rest are now tormented forever and ever with no rest, day and night (Rev. 13:16-17; 14:11; 18:3).

### **Love for neighbor will be fulfilled**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> commandment:** harmonious relationships as equals under Christ as king

- A) Christ will be king and reign forever. With him, the saints will reign forever and ever (no more spiritual fathers or teachers; Rev. 22:5). Genetic families are dissolved and the spiritual family of God fulfills the father-children 5<sup>th</sup> commandment (Matt. 22:30; Matt 12:50). Tree of life with twelve different monthly fruits, with leaves for healing of nations (Rev 22:2).

- B) *Everything against the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment: all false prophets and prophetesses (Rev. 2:14, 20); the wicked kings of the earth, the dragon and beasts who have false authority and power and utter blasphemies (Rev. 13; 17:17-18).*

**6<sup>th</sup> commandment:** provision of eternal life

- A) the Lord Jesus Christ prepares “a new heaven and a new earth” (Rev. 21:1) the new place of life for elect humanity. He prepares a New Jerusalem as their physical home (Rev. 21:2-3). **The Lord Jesus Christ provides the means of life sustenance.** (Rev. 21:6b; 22:1; 22:2). [I will give them the] Tree of life with twelve different monthly fruits, with leaves for healing of nations.
- B) *Everything against the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment: the dragon who made war on the people of God, death and hades, will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 12:17; 13:7; 20:14). Death is removed (Rev. 21:4)*

**7<sup>th</sup> Commandment:** marriage to Christ

- A) Brother-sister relationships will be the eternal one-another status of the elect in the new heaven and earth, and the shadow typology of earthly marriage will be fulfilled in the church’s marriage to Christ, the number of God’s children is completed and the will be earth filled. (Matthew 22:30; Rev. 21:2, 9-27; 14:1-5; 19:7-9; Genesis 1:28; 15:5; 22:17; 32:12)
- B) *Everything against the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment: the false prophets/prophetesses in Balaam’s and Jezebel’s likeness, and Babylon the harlot will be destroyed, along with nations, kings, merchants and culture-makers who indulged in immoralities, profited from immoralities, promoted the culture of immorality and persecuted the prophets and saints for resisting their immoralities (Rev. 2:14, 20-21; 9:21; 14:8; 17:2; 18:1-24; 19:2). All sexually immoral will be thrown into the lake of fire, the second death (Rev. 21:8).*

**8<sup>th</sup> commandment:** provision of all physical needs

- D) The Lord prepares and provides “a new heaven and a new earth” (Rev. 21:1), the new place of resources provided for elect humanity. *The people are the holy city*, the dwelling place of God, fulfilling the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment with her beauty signified by precious jewels. (Rev 21:2-3). God’s people are rewarded with lands and cities (Matt. 19:29; Luke 19:16-19), and the wealth of all the nations (Rev. 21:24, 26).
- E) *Everything against the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment: the dragon and the beast from the earth who made war on all the saints by controlled economics for purposes of false worship, controlled all buying and selling, will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 12:17; 13:17), the great prostitute who economically profited from endorsing covetous commandment-breaking (dwelling place for demons, blasphemy, deceitful sorcery, murder, slavery, immoralities (Rev. 17:1-6; 18:1-24).*

**9<sup>th</sup> commandment:** the truth about their names and reputations is honored

- A) “The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son” (Rev. 21:7). The name of God and the Lamb are written on them (Rev. 3:12; 14:1; 22:4). The saints’ names (testimony and reputation of faith and good works) are also written in the Lamb’s book of life and truthful testimony about them is given for proof of their salvation (Rev. 3:5; 20:15). No lie is found in their mouths (Rev. 14:5).
- B) *Everything against the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment: the dragon and beasts who falsely accuse the saints, who deceive with lies (Rev. 3:9; 12:9-10; 20:3, 10; 21:27). All without a good name and reputation, breakers of the moral law, liars, the Lord will judged with eternal death (Rev. 21:8).*

**10<sup>th</sup> commandment:** filled with joy and contentment forever

- A) “To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment” (Rev. 21:6). **All thirsts are satisfied in abundance**, There is no lack of purchase power to limit drinking. There is no need of sun or moon (Rev. 21:23). No need of a temple. God’s people are satisfied in the Holy City with everything they need (Rev. 21:22; 21:24, 26).
- B) *Everything against the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment will be removed by judgment: the Lord will judged all covetous people with eternal death (allusion to Eden “The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you” (Rev. 18:14).*

- II. Hell will be a place of antithesis, the multiplication of the sorrows and punishments of moral unrighteousness forever, as defined by the 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Cs
- A) Revelation's vision of hell's torments should reveal it as the ultimate form of giving men up to their lusts (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28), not transforming the wicked, but leaving them to dwell in pure unrighteousness, unmitigated by what was experienced on earth with common grace and the presence of the elect.
  - B) Since the Westminster Larger Catechism 28 "punishments of sin in this world" include the following *lex Christi* related judgments, how much more will the punishments of sin in the world to come include a magnified array of these same types of judgments:
    - either inward, as blindness of mind, a reprobate sense, strong delusions, hardness of heart, horror of conscience, and vile affections; or outward, as the curse of God upon the creatures for our sakes, and all other evils that befall us in our bodies, names, estates, relations, and employments; together with death itself (Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 2007:173).

Notice that the punishments have implications related to all the commandments, those of the soul are related to blindness and delusions toward God (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> a Cs), others and self, evil affections against *lex Christi* morality, horror of an accusing conscience due to the law written on the heart, and outward evils that punish the body (6<sup>th</sup> C), reputations (9<sup>th</sup> C), property (8<sup>th</sup> C), relations (5<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Cs), employments (4<sup>th</sup> b C) and all lead to death (6<sup>th</sup> C). All these vile affections will go unsatisfied, coveting forever (Rev. 18:14). Hell is giving men what they have desired, combined with the immediate torment of the justice due that unrighteousness, including its "natural" consequences: hatred for God, his worship, name and Sabbath rest, hatred for men, complete anti-harmony, anti-life, anti-marriage, anti-stewardship, anti-truthfulness, anti-contentment.
  - C) Using a *lex Christi* hermeneutic on Luke 16:24-31, readers can observe that hell is a place of intense, but completely unsatisfied desires (reversal of 10<sup>th</sup> C) of thirst (6<sup>th</sup> C) and for protection of earthly family (5<sup>th</sup> C) and God ignoring requests for help or salvation (1<sup>st</sup> C). The story also includes the application of reversed justice, that the rich man's ignoring and rejecting the poor man's need of mercy in this world is punished by rejecting his pleas for mercy in hell (1<sup>st</sup> C). Another form of torment comes from seeing the satisfied desires of the godly from "far off" (a just punishment, reversing the 10<sup>th</sup> C, Luke 16:23). In terms of Proverbs 1:31, the wicked will "eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices." For ignoring the counsel and reproofs of the Lord, he will ignore their calls for help in trouble (Prov. 1:24-32). Thus, it is likely that hell will be a place of intense, but unsatisfied, desires related to all the commandments, a place where *all* common grace benefits that grant men so many earthly satisfactions (Acts 14:17) will be utterly removed. The eternal curse gives men what they wanted, a physical place vacant of all the *lex Christi* categories of human flourishing, and all the sorrows that are joined to the vacancy of the Lord's *lex Christi* sustaining common grace.
- III. This "making new" is also a reward that encourages all the saints to "overcome" by faith (Revelation 2-3; 11:18):
- A) In faith-union with Christ, keep the moral law until the end of life, because the new place is prepared as a reward for those who desire a place where that moral law is fulfilled
  - B) Repent of any sins against that moral law (Revelation 3:19)
  - C) Faith without fear of persecution or suffering for living by the moral law (Revelation 2:2-3, 10)
  - D) Faith that he is the great King holding the keys to death and hell (Revelation 1:17-18). He will judge his enemies who oppose or deny the moral law (Revelation 20:12-13; 21:8; 22:3)
  - E) The *moral law* is a recurring theme in biblical history from the attributes of God to Adam in the Garden to the restoration of that likeness in the new heavens and new earth. Learn to interpret the Bible using this tool.